

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15 as follows:

According to the system and method disclosed herein, the present invention grants to enables, peers the ability to generate extra revenue during off-peak hours, and in an embodiment where the sender can choose from levels of quality of service for delivery, the present invention further allows the network to route/deliver digital files based on the chosen level of quality of service.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19 as follows:

The second type of file sharing offered is decentralized downloads of subscription-based content 20. Client nodes 14 may subscribe to one or more of the subscription-based content, and in return, the subscribed to content is periodically sent to each of the respective subscribing client nodes 14 either from the server node 12 or from another nearby client node. Providers of the subscription-based content are then charged a fee for the serving of the content to the client nodes.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 18 as follows:

Referring now to FIG. 3, a block diagram is shown illustrating a preferred embodiment of the client application desktop window. The client application desktop window 50 may include a row of command buttons 52, and an area 54 for displaying folders and icons. The user logs in and out of the network 10 via command buttons 52a and 52b, and may search for files on the network via the search button 52c. An inbox folder [[to]] 56 contains files and notifications that are received from the network 10, and a shared folder 58 contains files that the user wishes to publish over the network 10 for access by other client nodes 14. User icons 60 represent individual users and groups of users to which the user wants to exchange files with on a peer-to-peer basis.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 4 as follows:

In the embodiment, where the receiving node is off-line at the appointed time of delivery, the server node 14 may deliver ~~deliverer~~ the file when the receiving node comes back online. In an alternative embodiment, if the file has been copied to the server node 14, the server node 14

may deliver the file when the receiving node comes online.